

businesses located in an Enterprise Zone by providing lenders and borrowers a lower cost of capital.

Industrial Revenue Bond Program: The State of Texas Industrial Revenue Bond Program is designed to provide tax-exempt financing to finance land and depreciable property for eligible industrial or manufacturing projects. The Development Corporation Act allows cities, counties, conservation and reclamation districts to form non-profit industrial development corporations or authorities on their behalf. The purpose is to issue taxable and tax-exempt bonds for eligible projects in their jurisdictions.

Enterprise Zone Program: The purpose of the Texas Enterprise Zone Program is to encourage job creation and capital investment in areas of economic distress. The program provides communities with an economic development tool to offer state and local incentives and program priority to new or expanding business in these designated areas.

THE CAPITAL NETWORK, INC.: 512-314-0711

www.thecapitalnetwork.com

The TCN is a non-profit organization designed to introduce investors to entrepreneurs. TCN's computerized networking service matches investors and growing companies based on five criteria: industry, location of business, age of venture, amount of funding needed and type of investment. TCN facilitates an introduction between parties only after potential deals are rigidly screened. Call for fees and programs.

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) Community Express Loan Program

713-773-6500 or TDD: 713-773-6559

SBA LOANS- www.sba.gov/financing/sbaloan/snapshot.html

COMMUNITY EXPRESS- www.sba.gov/financing/lendinvest/comexpress.html

8701 S. Gessner, #1200. CommunityExpress is a pilot SBA loan program that was developed in collaboration with the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) and its member organizations. Under the pilot, which is available to selected lenders, an SBAExpress like program will be offered to pre-designated geographic areas serving mostly Low and Moderate Income areas and New Markets small businesses. The program will also include technical and management assistance, which is designed to help increase the loan applicant's chances of success.

OTHER FINANCING RESOURCES & TERMS

FACTORING (or Invoice Factoring):

Factoring is the discounted purchase of a company's accounts receivable. The accounts receivable are purchased by the factoring company, which assumes the credit risk associated with collection. By selling accounts receivable, a business need not wait until the account is paid to get cash for working capital. Upon purchasing a company's invoices, the factor advances 60 to 85% of the invoices' face amount. Upon receipt of payment, the remaining 15-40% is remitted back to the client less the factor's discount fee. Factors are private finance companies. Thoroughly investigate the factor before making a selection.

SBIC:

www.sba.gov/INV/overview.html

Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC's) supply equity capital, long term loans and management assistance to qualified small businesses. SBIC's use their own capital and funds borrowed from the SBA to provide financing to small businesses in the form of equity securities and long-term loans. SBIC's are profit-seeking organizations that select businesses to be financed within rules and regulations set by the SBA. Specialized SBIC's (SSBIC's) are a particular type of SBIC that provide assistance solely to small businesses owned by socially or economically disadvantaged persons. To obtain a copy of the SBA's "Directory of SBIC's" call 800/8-ASK-SBA.

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SELLING GOODS & SERVICES / BID INFORMATION

HOUSTON ONE STOP BUSINESS CENTER, P.O. Box 1562, Houston, Tx. 77251, Ph. 713-247-2982

THE AGENCIES BELOW PURCHASE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FROM BUSINESSES. CALL FOR INFORMATION, BID POSTING DATES, PROCEDURES, AND COMMODITY LISTINGS. THE TX DEPT OF INSURANCE MAINTAINS A LIST OF COMPANIES LICENSED TO WRITE FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS IN TX. CALL 800-252-3439 FOR INFO.

MBE-MINORITY ENTERPRISE; **WBE**- WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE; **DBE**-DISADVANTAGED ENTERPRISE; **PDBE**-PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ENTERPRISE; **HUB**-HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS.

MBE/ WBE/ DBE CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

COH MINORITY, WOMEN, & DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM 713-837-9000

611 Walker, 20th Floor. Certification program for MBE/WBE/DBE/PDBE businesses competing for city contracts. Free pre-certification workshops are held each Thursday. The City of Houston and the Houston Minority Business Council now recognizes each other's certification.

HOUSTON MINORITY BUS. COUNCIL	713-271-7805
HISD OFC OF BUS. ASSISTANCE	713-737-1520

COH STRATEGIC PURCHASING DIVISION -- 713-247-1740

LOCATION: 901 Bagby St., Basement Level
HOMEPAGE: www.houstonpurchasing.org
FAQ www.faspd.ci.houston.tx.us/faqs.htm
BID HOTLINE 713-247-BIDS (2437)

The City of Houston has designated Strategic Purchasing as the regulatory office for buying products and services. SPD is the main entity within city government that is authorized to issue bid invitations, proposals authorize price changes, process/ release purchase orders, develop and maintain term contracts. Activities involve the procurement of goods and services amounting to more than \$350 million annually. SPD supports the policy of the City of Houston to stimulate the growth of local minority and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBE) by encouraging their full participation in all phases of it's procurement activities and by affording them a full and fair opportunity to compete for all City contracts, either as a prime or sub-contractor.

HARRIS/ FT BEND COUNTIES

HARRIS CO. APPRAISAL DISTRICT	713-957-5214	HARRIS CO. HOSPITAL DISTRICT	713-566-6890
HARRIS CO. HOUSING AUTHORITY	713-747-0353	HARRIS CO. PURCHASING DEPT.	713-755-5036
FORT BEND COUNTY PURCHASING DEPT.	281-341-8640		

STATE OF TX PURCHASING OFFICES (CMBL / HUB / QISV PROGRAMS)

Statewide Bidders List (www.tbpc.state.tx.us/elec_comm/vendor_info.html)

A web -based vendor, publicbuy.net is managing the Centralized Masters Bidders List (**CMBL**). The company's program is known as BASIC and is operated through the publicbuy web site. Registered bidders (HUB, Non-HUB and QISV vendors) who have paid a \$50 annual fee will receive notification of bid opportunities. For more info. Call 512-463-3416.

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) (www.tbpc.state.tx.state.tx.us/hubindex.html)

Certified businesses that are at least 51% owned, operated, and controlled by qualifying groups which includes American Women,

Asian Pacific, Hispanic, Native , and African Americans. For more information and HUB offices, contact 512-463-5872.

Qualified Information System Vendor (QISV) Program (www.gsc.state.tx.us/stpurch/qisv.html) Used in the purchasing of computer-related and telecommunications products. QISV vendors must be approved, have an electronic web site catalogue, and are active on Statewide Bidders List. For information regarding the QISV program contact 512-463-3567.

UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION

CENTERPOINT ENERGY PURCHASING	713-207-5900	ENTERGY	409-827-5113
METRO PURCHASING	713-739-6829	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD	402-280-7118
SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE	800-870-0958		

* **NOTE-** Municipal Utility Districts publish legal notices concerning large bids. For a list of Harris County MUD's contact the Harris County Appraisal District at 713-683-9200.

U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (713-643-8000)

www.fedbizopps.gov

Public Building Services (PBS) has served as builder, developer, lessor, and manager of Federally owned and leased properties. For more information on PBS go to www.gsa.gov/pbs

Federal Technology Services (FTS) delivers a full range of high quality telecommunications, information technology systems, hardware and software, consulting services, information security services and products, and integrated technology solutions. For more information on FTS go to www.fts.gsa.gov

Federal Supply Services (FSS) is responsible for GSA's supply procurement, motor vehicle procurement and leasing, fleet management services, travel and transportation services, and personal property utilization and disposal programs. For more information on FSS go to www.fss.gsa.gov

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS & RELATED AGENCIES

HOUSTON ISD	713-892-6940	ALDINE ISD	713-985-6396
ALIEF ISD	713-498-8110	CLEAR CREEK ISD	281-338-5814
CONROE ISD	936-441-9297	CYPRESS FAIRBANKS ISD	713-897-3848
FORT BEND ISD	281-634-1801	FRIENDSWOOD ISD	713-482-1267
GALENA PARK ISD	713-450-4369	HUMBLE ISD	713-540-5975
KATY ISD PURCHASING	281-396-6260	KLEIN ISD	281-376-4180
LAMAR CONSOLIDATED ISD	281-341-3555	LA PORTE ISD	713-842-2223
NORTH FOREST ISD	713-636-4321	PASADENA ISD	713-920-6841
PEARLAND ISD	713-485-3203	SHELDON ISD	713-459-7316
SPRING ISD	713-587-3931	SPRING BRANCH ISD	713-365-5223
TOMBALL ISD	713-357-3100	REGION IV EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER	713-462-7708

OTHER PURCHASING OFFICES

HOU. CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	713-227-3100	HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY	713-260-0551
HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	713-866-8320	RELIANT PARK	832-667-1400
MEMORIAL CARE SYSTEMS	713-776-5390	N. HARRIS MONTGOMERY CC	713-591-3538
PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY	713-670-2460	SPACE CENTER HOUSTON	281-244-2105
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL	713-791-2230	TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	713-770-2122
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	713-313-7349	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, Downtown	713-221-8607
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CLEAR LAKE	281-283-2150	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON MAIN CAMPUS	713-743-5671
COMPAQ CENTER (Sports Arena)	713-627-9470	GULF GREYHOUND PARK	800-275-2946
SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK	713-807-8846	HOUSTON WORKS/ JTPC	713-654-1919
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	979-845-4534	HARRIS CO/HOUSTON SPORTS AUTH.	713-355-2164
MINUTE MAID PARK (Astros)	713-259-8026		

PROCUREMENT SERVICES & BONDING

TEXAS INFORMATION PROCUREMENT SVC. (UHSBDC)	713-752-8477
NATIONAL ASSOC. OF SURETY BOND PRODUCERS	202-686-3700
SBA SURETY BOND GUARANTEE PROGRAM	214-767-7663

TECHNICAL / MANAGEMENT RESOURCES I

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FOR NEW BUSINESSES

IRS SMALL BUSINESS TAX WORKSHOPS 713-209-3543

www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=99175,00.html

8701 S. Gessner, #600. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service offers FREE "Small Business Tax Workshops" weekly on Thursdays, (and some Mondays) covering business tax returns, tax benefits and obligations. For electronic filing info, call 281-721-7435. Inquire about Spanish presentations.

SCORE- SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES 713-773-6565

www.scorehouston.org

8701 S. Gessner, #1200. A service sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Admin. FREE counseling is provided by retired business owners and managers. SCORE sponsors the workshop, "Basics of Running a Small Business" (\$25 reg., \$3 parking), held at the University of Houston twice monthly. SCORE also operates the SBA's BUSINESS SERVICE CENTER which provides information on SBA loan guarantee programs and the Business Information Center (BIC). The national SCORE office provides a new E-MAIL COUNSELING service off the SCORE web page. SCORE also services the Palm Center Business Information Center (BIC)- call 713-643-8000.

TSU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER 713-313-7785

www.tsu.edu/academics/business/

3100 Cleburne Ave., Allen Bldg. #B-11. TSU sponsors programs on business development topics such as Business planning, technical and management assistance, marketing research, and community development projects.(FEES).

U.H. SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER 713-752-8400

SmBizSolutions.uh.edu

2302 Fannin, #200. Join the multiple thousands of small businesses that have prospered and grown with the help of the University of Houston Small Business Development Center (UH SBDC). Since 1984, UH SBDC has provided businesses assistance in the areas of business management, government procurement, international trade and manufacturing. Expertise is available to entrepreneurs in the start-up mode as well as to experienced business owners who want to take their companies to the next level.

AGENCIES PROVIDING SPECIALIZED SERVICES

AMERICAN PRODUCTIVITY & QUALITY CENTER 713-681-4020

www.apqc.org

123 N. Post Oak Lane. The non-profit APQC offers instruction in Benchmarking and Total Quality Management (TQM), in addition to presenting seminars for **EXISTING** companies, training programs, and advisory services. The APQC also has an extensive library available for Center members and public memberships.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU OF METROPOLITAN HOUSTON 713-868-9500

www.bbbhou.org

5225 Katy Frwy., #500. The BBB is a non-profit corporation which provides numerous support and technical services for its business members, as well as the public. The BBB publishes a membership directory, has a series of "How-To" brochures, and seminars and workshops for members and non-members.

BBB- Brazoria Co. - 979-849-6748 www.bbbbrazoria.org
BBB- Ft. Bend Co.- 281-261-1872 www.bbbfortbend.org
BBB- Montgomery Co.- 281-292-7523 www.bbbmontgomery.org

BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY CENTER 713-845-2400

www.hsbdc.org

5330 Griggs Road. Through the Business Technology Center (BTC), a 140,000 square foot complex, the HSBDC provides a variety of support services designed to enhance small business ventures including, small business incubator services, management and technical assistance, and below market rate loans. These programs within the Business Technology Center, along with specialized literacy, occupational and apprenticeship training programs that are also available, represent a comprehensive effort to provide small and emerging businesses with the support required for growth.

EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS OF HOUSTON 713-780-2208

www.eschouston.org

The Executive Service Corps of Houston (ESCH) provides high quality management consulting services, at no cost, to nonprofit charitable organizations, including governmental and educational entities, using the talents, experience and energy of volunteer professionals, both active and retired. The ESCH conducts workshops and seminars to provide basic or introductory information on specific topics that are in high demand to small groups of clients such as Nonprofit Start-up and Grantwriting; Board Development; Conducting Effective Meetings; and Planning.

EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER - US INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMIN. 713-718-3062

www.ita.doc.gov/td/tic

500 Dallas, Suite 1160. The ITA assists in exporting, including licensing, financing, statistics, market research and analysis, and education for existing businesses. Ask for pamphlet, "Export Programs: A Business Directory of U.S. Government Services". For information on Federal export resources, call the Trade Information Center (TIC) toll-free at 800-872-8723 or 800-USA-TRADE. The TIC also has telephone numbers for country desk officers who answer questions on a taxes, trade policies, and regulations.

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE NORTHWEST 713-718-5722, Call for Locations

www.hccs.cc.tx.us/nwcollege/index.html

HCC-N provides professional continuing education in business, computers, real estate, and for health care professionals. Call for class dates, times, locations, and fees. Free catalog.

HOUSTON MINORITY BUSINESS COUNCIL 713-271-7805

www.hmbc.org

7322 SW Freeway, #1510. The non-profit HMBC enhances business opportunities and eliminates common barriers M/W/DBE's face in the marketplace. Offers educational and networking opportunities, as well as financing information for HMBC members.

HOUSTON MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER 713-644-0821

www.houstonmbdc.com

2900 Woodridge, #310. The mission of the MBDC is to increase opportunities for minority businesses in the Houston area. The MBDC is a joint effort of Grijalva and Allen, PC; the Corporation for Economic Development of Harris Co.; the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and the Houston Minority Business Council. Services provided include, but are not limited to: Management training, Personnel policies, Marketing, Accounting and budgeting, Tax compliance and planning, Business planning, Site selection, Inventory control, ISO 9000/TQM, Feasibility studies, Loan packaging, Bonding assistance, Bid preparation, and others. Call for details and terms of service.

HOUSTON WOMENS BUSINESS COUNCIL 281-931-9988

www.hwbc-texas.org

9130 N. Freeway, #206, HWBC's purpose is to provide educational and other resources that foster growth and business opportunities between women business enterprises and major corporations. Membership is open to independent businesses that are at least 51% owned, managed, and controlled by women. To become a member, you must first be certified as a WE by the City of Houston (713-837-9000).

NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (NTAC), COH 713-837-7701

www.ci.houston.tx.us/departme/planning/home.htm

Planning and Development Dept., 611 Walker, 6th Floor. The NTAC assists neighborhood organizations in their search for information, resources and grant opportunities to fulfill their missions and goals. NTAC is a clearinghouse of reference

materials and training information, grant opportunities, and program assistance where patrons can access specialty publications, videos, the internet, and much more. The NTAC houses a wealth of plans, reports, and studies; grant newsletters; maps; training manuals; planning related subscriptions; newspaper articles; a computer bank; conference reference materials; and more.

NORTH HARRIS MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE SBDC 281-591-9374

www.nhmccd.edu

250 Sam Houston Parkway, E. Free counseling is offered, along with courses (FEES) covering idea evaluation, analyzing customer needs, and writing loan proposals. Inquire about the "Center for Business and Economic Development", which offers specialized training, conference planning, and organizational development for businesses of all sizes.

RICE UNIVERSITY (713-527-6060) Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Management

www.jonesgsm.rice.edu/jonesgsm/Default.asp

Rice U. offers continuing education programs in Management, Accounting & Finance, Marketing & Strategy, Customer Satisfaction, Global Competition, and others. Some courses award CEU's. Call for fees and availability. Rice U.'s FONDREN LIBRARY (www.rice.edu/fondren/info/fag.html) provides comprehensive research information (713-348-5698).

SERVICES COOPERATIVE ASSOC. 713-932-7495

www.servicesca.org

9600 Long Point Rd., #150. SCA provides education, networking and support for emerging businesses. Also sponsors a for-profit business incubator (Entrepreneurial Development Center). Ask about the WOMENS' BUSINESS CENTER, an INCUBATOR for first stage, women-owned companies.

SILVER FOX ADVISORS, INC. 713-467-5900

www.silverfox.org

Silver Fox executives represent diverse business disciplines and provide practical, proven, and in-depth strategies for a wide range of business situations. Each member's purpose is to improve a client's sales, productivity, processes, and profitability. Each advisor sets individual fees which are considered reasonable when compared to other alternatives such as credit courses in numerous business related fields. Provides instruction at several off-site locations (West Houston and North Houston). Call 713-743-1060 for courses.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CLEAR LAKE Center for Advanced Management Programs 281-283-3121

www.cl.uh.edu/bpa/camp/services.htm

2700 Bay Area Blvd. CAMP's mission is to provide various services to business and government organizations. Programs are designed to refine and broaden skills, to offer consulting, and to meet diverse professional and educational needs. Call for an extensive listing of upcoming events, educational programs, and counseling services.

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DEMOGRAPHIC OR STATISTICAL INFORMATION

BUREAU OF BUSINESS RESEARCH, Univ. of Texas Business School	512-471-1616
CITY OF HOUSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPT.	713-837-7701
GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP, Research Dept.	713-844-3600
HOUSTON CENTRAL LIBRARY, Telephone Reference Dept.	713-236-1313
	713-225-3385 TDD
HOUSTON DOWNTOWN MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	713-650-3022
REGIONAL INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION EXCHANGE (RICE UNIV.)	713-528-3553
UH CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY	713-743-3970
UH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER LIBRARY	713-752-8400

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE / SITES / FINANCING

CLEAR LAKE AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION	281-486-5535
FORT BEND CO. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	281-242-0000
GREATER HOUSTON PARTNERSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	713-844-3600
CENTERPOINT ENERGY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION	713-207-1111
SOUTHEAST HARRIS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL	713-473-7777
PEARLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	281-485-2411

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION (Houston Regional Offices)	713-739-1302
DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTERS	713-755-8274
GULF COAST LEGAL FOUNDATION	713-652-0077
HARRIS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY	713-755-5183
HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION LEGAL LINE (Call for hours)	713-759-1133
LAWYERS REFERRAL SERVICE	713-237-9429
LEGAL HOTLINE FOR OLDER TEXANS (AARP)	800-622-2520
TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL, Consumer Protection Div.	713-223-5886
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW LIBRARY	713-743-2300
VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROGRAM	713-228-0732

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, RESEARCH AND COUNSELING

CPA REFERRAL SERVICE	713-622-7733
CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE	713-923-2227
GREATER HOUSTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU (incl. Houston Film Commission)	713-227-3100
HOUSTON ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTER	281-367-1348
MIT ENTERPRISE FORUM OF TEXAS	713-685-3961
SOCIETY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, INC. (Plastics Recycling Codes)	202-371-5200
TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT c-o Texas A&M	979-845-2907
TEXAS COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE HOTLINE	800-832-9623
TEXAS FILM COMMISSION (Office of the Governor)	512-463-9200
UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES (Independent Product Testing)	708-272-8800
UNIFORM CODE COUNCIL, INC (UPC, UIC, EDI Code Assignment)	800-543-8137

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

"BLACK'S GUIDE" (Office-Industrial Real Estate)	713-439-0271
PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY	713-670-2400
HOUSTON ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS	713-629-1900

EMPLOYEE, CAREER RELATED SERVICES

CAREER & RECOVERY RESOURCES, INC. (Formerly VGS)

713-535-7100
713-535-7178 TDD
713-654-1919
713-773-6000

JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
SER- JOBS FOR PROGRESS

PATENT, TRADEMARK, AND COPYRIGHT ASSISTANCE

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF COMPOSERS, AUTHORS & PUBLISHERS
INVENTORS ASSOCIATION, HOUSTON
NETWORK OF AMERICAN INVENTORS & ENTREPRENEURS (NAIE)
RICE UNIVERSITY PATENT LIBRARY
TEXAS MUSIC OFFICE (Governor's Office- Music Related Clearinghouse)

800-505-4052
281-326-1795
281-351-1316
713-523-2417
512-463-6666

PUBLICATIONS

30 REASONS NOT TO BUY OR START A BUSINESS (Book)
BUSINESS AMERICA MAGAZINE (Magazine- monthly)
BUSINESS WEEK (National Magazine- weekly)
DAILY COURT REVIEW (Newspaper- daily)
DIRECTORY OF TEXAS MANUFACTURERS (UT/Austin, annual)
FORBES DIRECTORY (Directory of Houston associations and a monthly listing
of business current events- "The Forbes Report")
F.W. DODGE DIVISION- MCGRAW HILL INFORMATION SYSTEMS
HOUSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL (Newspaper- weekly)
LATIN TRADE (Magazine- Bi-monthly)
MINORITY SUPPLIER NEWS (Newspaper- seasonal)
RESOURCE GUIDE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (Book)
TEXAS HISPANIC BUSINESS JOURNAL (Newspaper- monthly)
TEXAS REGISTER (Subscription, Rules & Regs. affecting businesses)
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (National newspaper- daily)
YOUR TEXAS BUSINESS, 2nd Edition (Book)
U.S. GOVERNMENT BOOKSTORE (Federal resource bookstore)

281-652-3937
713-228-1187
800-635-1200
713-869-5434
888-212-4386
713-524-0409
713-529-4895
713-688-8811
800-799-6895
212-944-2430
800-544-2042
800-846-4549
512-463-5561
800-841-8000 x848
713-529-4301
713-228-1187

NON-PROFIT ASSISTANCE

BUSINESS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ARTS-HOUSTON, INC.
EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS OF HOUSTON
FUNDING SOURCE, UH GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
GRANTSMANSHIP CENTER (Los Angeles)
GREATER HOUSTON WOMEN'S FOUNDATION
NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (Los Angeles)
TEXAS ACCOUNTANTS & LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS
TEXAS SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (TSCPA)
TEXAS STATE COMPTROLLER STATE GRANTS HOTLINE
TEXAS DEPT. OF HEALTH FUNDING INFORMATION CENTER (Austin)
UNITED WAY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)
www.uwtgc.org
VOLUNTEER CENTER

713-650-3189
713-780-2208
713-743-8146
213-482-9860
713-623-4493
213-623-7080
713-526-4876
713-622-7733
512-463-6678
512-458-7684
713-685-2787
713-685-2773 TDD
713-965-0031

CREDIT REPORTING SERVICES (Call for fees)

EQUIFAX (www.equifax.com)
TRANSUNION (www.tuc.com)
EXPERIAN (www.experian.com)

800-525-6285
800-888-4213
888-397-3742

INTERNET RESOURCES

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The following is a list of websites of interest to small businesses. Most public libraries have internet terminals available for use, free of charge. All addresses are subject to change without notice.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE'S BUSINESS RESOURCE DATABASE:

www.chron.com/content/community/business/index.html

GOVERNMENT / RELATED AGENCIES

URL

U.S. BUSINESS ADVISOR	www.business.gov/busadv/index.cfm
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU	www.census.gov
U.S. BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS (Commerce)	www.bea.doc.gov
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (incl. Wage and Hour info)	www.dol.gov
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY	www.epa.gov
U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	www.sbaonline.sba.gov
U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE (Treasury Dept.)	www.customs.ustreas.gov
U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	www.irs.gov/smallbiz/
U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION	www.ita.doc.gov/
U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	www.uspto.gov
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	www.usps.com/smallbiz/
U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE	www.access.gpo.gov
TEXAS MARKETPLACE	www.marketplace.state.tx.us/
TEXAS STATE COMPTROLLER	www.cpa.state.tx.us
TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL (Consumer Protection)	www.oag.state.tx.us
DIRECTORY OF TEXAS MANUFACTURERS	www.utexas.edu/depts/bbr
TCEQ (formerly TNRCC)	www.tceq.state.tx.us
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	www.tdh.state.tx.us
HARRIS COUNTY	www.co.harris.tx.us
CITY OF HOUSTON	www.cityofhouston.gov/
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